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Proposed racetrack prompts residents' concerns

Bobby Jones
Staff Writer

Several Romulus residents would like to see the proposed Michigan Downs racetrack stay at the starting gate.

Residents packed a public hearing July 30 scheduled by the Romulus Planning Commission to hear the proposal of Magna Entertainment Group for the 212-acre racetrack.

Both Magna and planning commission members said they were there to listen closely to the residents explain their concerns about the racetrack proposed for

the community.

The track would be located north of I-94 off Vining Road between Smith on the north and Wick Road on the south.

Jim McAlpine, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Magna Entertainment, first explained the proposal for the track. In his presentation McAlpine offered more detailed information about Phase I and Phase II of the project.

"Entertainment, that's what our company is all about," said McAlpine. According to McAlpine the proposed project will be more than horseracing,

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Jim McAlpine, President, CEO

Magna Entertainment

"It is about family entertainment."

Magna is offering restaurants, shops and a special area with a concert stage at the facility, McAlpine said.

"Horse racing will not take place all the time and there needs to be other entertainment offered at the facility," he said.

The building will feature a simulcast and broadcast of horse racing from around the world. Magna said it wanted to assure everyone that they have no plans for the inclusion of slot machines, which was a concern raised during a previous planning commission meeting.

Members of the Romulus

Planning Commission asked for clarification of some language in the Magna proposal. Commissioners also asked for assurance that adequate parking was being added to the facility.

Planning Commission Chairperson Cathy Freitag along with Planning Coordinator Brad Strader and City Planner Cynthia Lyon went on a fact finding mission July 10 and 11 to Texas where Magna owns and operates a similar racetrack.

"It is a first class facility," Freitag said. However, she did

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Wick Elementary Summer School students Arville Cole and Terrance Price display their work completed during the summer school program under the direction of Instructor Tonya Carter.

Students enjoy extra school programs

Bobbie Jones
Staff Writer

Romulus students are finding out just how much fun summer school can be as they enjoy the variety of programs offered by the Romulus School District.

Elementary and middle school students participated in combined Romulus Schools-Wayne County programs that offered individual and small class tutorial activities this summer.

Elementary students attended classes at Wick and Merriman schools and received small group tutoring four times a week in 45-minute sessions. The tutorial program was combined with Boys and Girls Club summer activities at both sites. The program received a \$20,000 stipend from Wayne County along with an additional \$25,000 to help aid in the cost.

"We were happy to participate in this unusual opportunity for our students," said Curriculum Director Tom Dolan.

Dolan also explained that the senior high school students were able to take summer school classes at Belleville High School. The district provided bus transportation for students to this cooperative program.

According to school officials

students were also able to participate in other summer activities such as swimming and basketball, which helped to boost students self esteem and created a fun and competitive spirit.

The new Romulus High School swimming complex provided many hours of enjoyment for summer school students. The pool was open on Tuesdays and Thursdays this summer.



Summer open swim time was a big hit for Jenna Bragg, Brittany Frazier and Mercedes McNabb, who enjoyed the new Romulus Senior High School swimming complex on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Officials hope new signal light means more safety

Bobby Jones
Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members approved a temporary fix when they voted Monday night to place flashing yellow lights at the intersection of Vining and Wick Roads.

According to city officials, it has been made clear by the public that there is a desperate need for a permanent traffic light at the intersection in question. "However, at this time we are moving to place yellow flasher lights until a permanent traffic signal can be installed," Councilman William Crova said.

The estimated cost of installing the yellow flashers at the intersection is \$37,800. It will be paid from the Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA) budget.

According to officials, the installation of flashing yellow lights at the intersection has

come as an unexpected expense. "But the city is well aware of the need for something to be done in that area," said Councilman Leroy Burcroff.

"Safety is a concern," Crova said. "In the past the city has installed signs and special markings all in an attempt to help motorists navigate their way in the night," he said.

Council members agreed that more needs to be done in the area. The installation has been designed for ease of conversion to a stop-and-go traffic signal in the future.

The installation of the lights will include the three steel support poles, a flasher control, six overhead vehicular indications and two case signs.

It has also been concluded by the city officials that the intersection is solely under the jurisdiction of the City of

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City council OK's funding for local portion of Wick Road resurfacing

Bobby Jones
Staff Writer

The City of Romulus will soon take on a long overdue and much needed project when the resurfacing of Wick Road begins.

On Monday night, Romulus City Council members agreed that it is a project that has been a long time coming. Wick will be resurfaced from Middlebelt to Inkster Road.

The resurfacing project will cost an estimated \$120,000 per

lane mile. Romulus' share will be \$40,000 per lane mile. The total cost for the city will be \$85,600 or one-third of the total project cost for the city.

The entire cost of the project according to Susan Moreno, assistant finance director, is \$256,800.

"This is a TIFA (Tax Increment Finance Authority) project," she said. The funds needed will come from the TIFA budget.

The project falls under the

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Rolling right along

Plans for annual Wheelfest celebration in Wayne on track

Scott Spielman
Editor

Preparations for the annual Wayne Wheelfest are well under way and there are already several new activities planned.

One of them, a Walk and Roll Fundraiser for the Community Hospice and Palliative Care, will take place at 10 a.m. on Aug. 23.

The hospice, which is headquartered locally, on Warren Road in Westland typically hosts a walk-a-thon fundraiser in Hines Park, according to Vicki Foley, director of marketing and development for the organization.

"This year, we really tried to combine it with a larger event," she said. "We wanted to make it open to everyone."

The Goudy Park setting provided a perfect spot for it, she said. The two trails there are scenic and not too long so it would be open to people of all ages and mobility.

Donated prizes will be distributed, and everyone who generates more than \$20 will get a t-shirt and a water bottle, Foley said.

In addition to the fundraiser, the hospice will have a presence

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Vicki Foley

throughout the Aug. 21-24 Wheelfest. They'll have an informational exhibit and they'll take part in the soapbox derby that goes on Saturday.

In fact, the derby car they'll use may be of interest to attendees of the festival. It will be constructed this week, and one of the final finishing flourishes will be an autograph from either Dale Earnhart, Jr. or Jeff Gordon. The car will be auctioned off this weekend as another fundraiser.

"We did a lot of begging," joked Foley, when asked about the organization arranged the signature.

Foley said the organization itself is sometimes misunderstood. It's not a place, nor does it hasten death or prolong life. It merely seeks to provide special care to anyone diagnosed with an incurable illness, she said.

"Our policy is not to turn anyone away," she said.

Most of the funding comes

from insurance agencies like Medicare and Medicaid, but there is also a need for donations, she said.

"We rely on friends and donors from the community," she said. "We apply for a lot of grants."

Anyone can get involved with the fundraiser, she said. The organization sent out a massive mailing earlier this year and will soon have pledge forms at the libraries in Wayne and Westland. Interested individuals can also visit the website at www.chpc.info.com

There are plenty of other activities planned for the annual event, which celebrates the automotive heritage of the city. Applications are now being accepted

for: Lip Sync Contest which will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Applications are available at the Wayne Community Center daily. The Pet Contest will be at 2 p.m. Saturday. Applications are available at Goody's Pet Supply on Michigan Avenue.

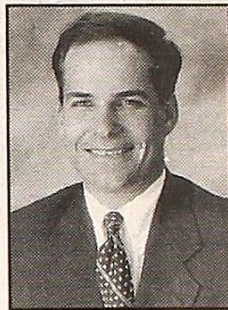
The Beautiful Baby Contest is open to Wayne residents and St. Mary parishioners. Applications are available at St. Mary Parish office. Junior Prince and Princess Contest is open to Wayne residents aged 3-5. Applications are available at Wayne Lawn and Garden on Wayne Road. Proceeds benefit the Wayne Westland Junior Miss Scholarship program.

New this year is Arts and Crafts with Bob the Builder from 1-4 p.m. Sunday in the Senior Activity Center. Children of all ages and their families are invit-

ed to make three crafts for \$5. Bob the Builder will make a special appearance.

For more information, contact the Wayne Community Center at 721-7400.

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NEW ARRIVAL



Christa Rae Evans

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Christa Rae Evans, the daughter of Ryan Evans and Jaime Doherty of Romulus, was born July 9 at University of Michigan Hospital.

The new arrival weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces at birth and measured 22 inches in length.

Grandparents of the infant are Richard and Sandy Doherty of Canton Township and Richard and Joyce Evans of Romulus.

This is the first child for the couple.

'Bittersweet' fundraiser is success

Theresa Wherrett
Staff Writer

The golf outing to benefit former Westland resident Patti Cerrito last weekend was a great success, according to one of the organizers, Debbie Dean.

"You wouldn't have believed the support from the community. We had signs all over the golf course," Dean said.

"All donations will be used to help Patti's children," said Cerrito's brother, John Dean.

"We will divide the money five ways for her five children, and we will also take care of some of her past bills."

Patricia (Patti) Cerrito, 49, was born and raised in Westland. She died Aug. 10. She lived in the City of Wayne for about 12 years until a recent move to Warren. A divorced mother of five, the youngest of whom is 16, Cerrito had worked in the home healthcare business for the past 10 years until she was disabled by cancer.

Cerrito had undergone two major surgeries and chemotherapy prior to her death

and her finances were exhausted, according to Dean.

Dean said that he has had a wonderful response to the outing, which was at Shady Hollow Golf Course. About 140 golfers participated.

"She was a very popular person," he said.

Dean is no stranger to fundraising. He has organized and hosted an annual horse-shoe tournament, which during the years has generated funds to aid children with cancer, Haven (a shelter for battered women and their children) and Lutheran Ministries. However, prior fundraisers "just (haven't) hit quite this close to home," according to Dean.

Concerned well-wishers may still help Cerrito's children by making a donation at Standard Federal Savings, at Cherry Hill and Wayne Roads, under the name of Patti Cerrito Medical Expense Fund. All donations are tax deductible.

Any questions may be directed to John or Debbie Dean at (734) 728-5789 or (734) 216-2000.

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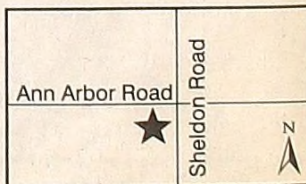
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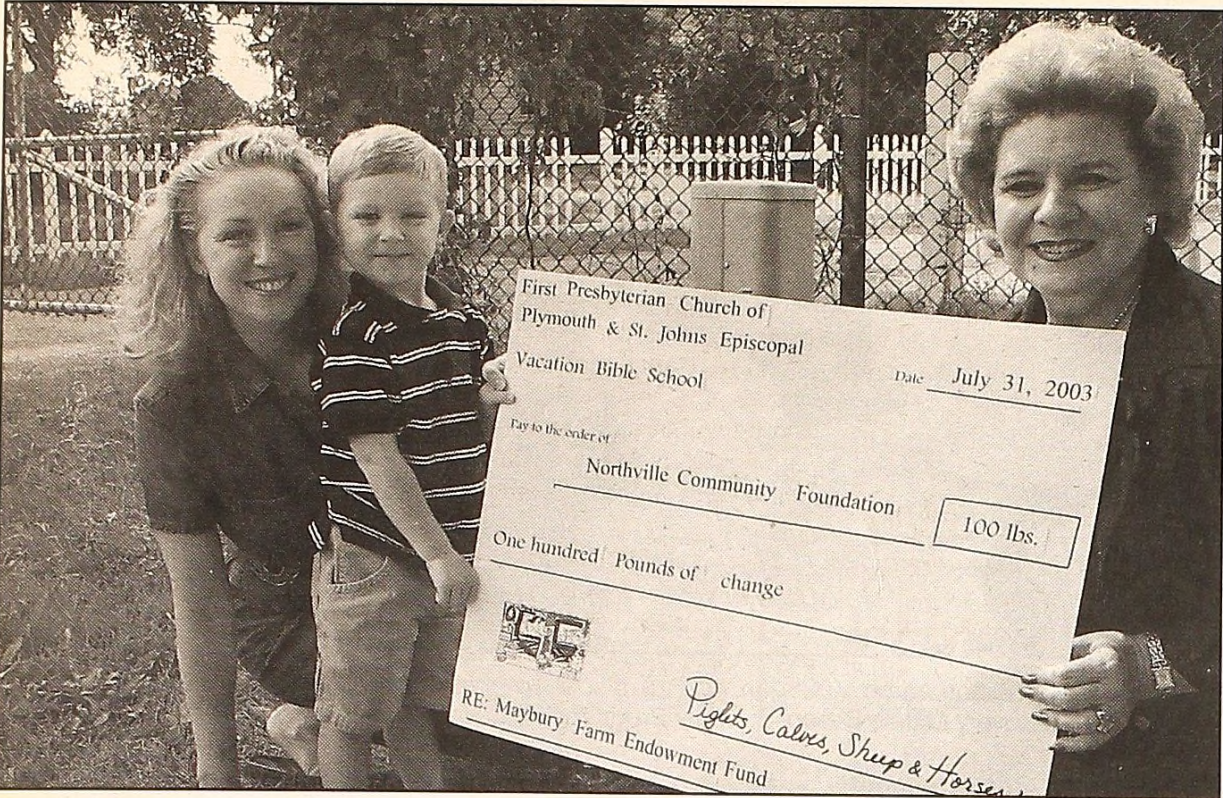
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Even this gigantic check was easier for Shari Peters (right), executive director of the Northville Community Foundation to handle than the 100 pounds of loose change it represents. Dru Van Campenhout (right) coordinated the fundraiser through two Vacation Bible School programs. Her son, Colin, helped out.

Children chip in with fundraiser

Scott Spielman
Editor

A few children have led the way recently in the ongoing fundraising efforts to rebuild the farm at Maybury State Park.

Shari Peters, the executive director of the Northville Community Foundation, said she received donations last week from two Vacation Bible School classes and from a 5-year-old girl who asked for donations rather than presents at her recent birthday party.

"I think that's awesome," said Peters. The Northville Community Foundation is negotiating with the State of Michigan to lease the land at Maybury State Park where the barn buildings burned down in February.

Five-year old Ashley Moore said she used to visit the farm often and wanted to something to help the effort. She generated \$200 in donations at her party, which included pony rides for attendees.

The farm was also a perfect fit for a fundraising effort that took place last week at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and the St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, according to Dru Van Campenhout, who organized the event.

She said she was in charge of the mission effort for the Bible school classes when she learned the theme of the session was the county fair.

"As soon as I heard that, I figured this would be a good project for the kids," she said.

Track - Proposal races forward despite protests

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not feel that a total family environment was offered, she said.

"No children were present," Freitag said. "It just is not the kind of place you would bring kids. To me it is just a glorified racetrack."

The majority of Romulus residents in attendance were opposed to the track.

The fundraiser started on Tuesday and concluded on Thursday, when the two churches got together for an ice cream social. Van Campenhout said she sent out a simple message to the children participating in the fundraiser: bring in your loose change.

"I thought I might be stunting their efforts by only asking for loose change, but I wanted something that they could all take part in."

And take part they did. Before the second day of the fundraiser, they had donated more than 50 pounds of loose change, she said. Thursday night the change was weighed. The 100 pounds of coins totaled nearly \$650.

Van Campenhout took pictures of the participating children and sold them to parents as an additional fundraiser, which brought the total up to \$965, she said.

"I didn't think we'd get that much," she said.

Van Campenhout said she cashed the money in - hauling the 100 pounds of change in a red Radio Flyer Wagon into a local Standard Federal Bank - and gave Peters a check, which was much easier for her to handle.

The funds will go to purchase animals for the farm, according to Peters. The community foundation has been in negotiations with officials from the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) since before the fire claimed the barn and the lives of almost all 50 animals that lived there. Since the fire the foundation has set up an endowment fund to pay for the replacement of the barn and animals as well as provide for the ongoing maintenance and operation of it.

The two sides are still working toward a satisfactory lease agreement, according to Peters. Once that is in place the foundation will mount larger, corporate fundraisers.



Ashley Moore (left) collected funds to rebuild the farm at Maybury State Park by asking for donations instead of presents for her fifth birthday party.

School officers assume new roles

Bobbie Jones
Staff Writer

Members of the Romulus Board of Education have already selected the board officers for the year.

During a special statutory meeting July 14, the board members chose Betty Lenossi as president and Cheryle Buckley as vice-president for the upcoming school year.

Lenossi has been a long-time member of the school board personnel committee. She is a retired Romulus Transportation Department employee where she was employed as a first-class bus driver. She currently works for the Romulus Senior Center organizing trips, luncheons and social gatherings. She has also lent her hand in organizing the St. Aloysius Festival and the Romulus Library book drives.

Lenossi's duties will include presiding at all board meeting. However, she will also serve as an alternate on various committees when necessary and represent the board at numerous functions, including graduations, student-recognition functions and the annual employee recognition program.

Buckley has also been active on the personnel committee and will also this year become a member of the finance committee. Her community activities include many years of service and support for both the Romulus Little League and the Romulus Athletic Booster Club.

Her main duty will be to preside at meetings and ceremonial occasions in the absence of Lenossi. She will also work closely with the president in order to insure a smooth transition. Buckley is currently employed at General Motors as an administrative supervisor for suggestions in quality manufacturing.

Also elected were April Frayer as board secretary and Michael Woods as treasurer.

Frayer will be responsible for taking minutes at each of the school board meetings.

She has been active on both sides of the finance and policy committees.

She is employed at Ford Motor Co. as an information technology specialist.

Woods will sign documents concerning business affairs.

Woods is the supervisor of heat treatment for parts at the General Motors Willow Run Power Train plant.



New officers for the 2003-04 Romulus Board of Education are from left to right: Michael Woods, treasurer, Cheryle Buckley, vice-president, Betty Lenossi, president, and April Frayer, secretary

Light- Signal is temporary

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Romulus. Therefore, a total of 100 percent of the installation and mainanceand energy fees are the responsibility of the city.

With this temporary fix in

place the city hopes that it will put an end to the congestion at the intersection.

"However, we are well aware that this is only a temporary fix and additional traffic signals will be needed in the future," Crova said.

Road- Busy street, new top

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Wayne County Resurfacing Program, according to Wayne County officials.

Therefore, the Wayne County Department of Public Service is proposing the resurfacing.

Wick Road comes under the jurisdiction of Wayne County and the county will supply a portion of the cost.

The project guidelines required that approximately 4 inches of concrete be used on all county primary roads, which have been rated by the Road Conditions Survey as bad

or poor.

According to city officials, the project will include all necessary prep work needed to create a solid base for resurfacing.

According to Romulus officials, the project includes 2.14 lane miles of resurfacing within Romulus and work should begin in the coming months and conclude in 2004.

"Yes, this particular section of Wick Road is in dire need of repair," said Mayor Alan Lambert.

City council members voted unanimously to approve the resurfacing plan.

Summertime

Students enjoy new classes at Plymouth-Canton summer school

Summer school, at least at Discovery Middle School, has evolved from the doldrums most students remember:

And Cheryl Klee, the summer academy coordinator at the school, made sure the activities that would occupy the 94 sixth, seventh and eighth graders attending the summer program would be not only educational, but also fun. The students displayed what they learned at the school last week during an ice cream social for parents.

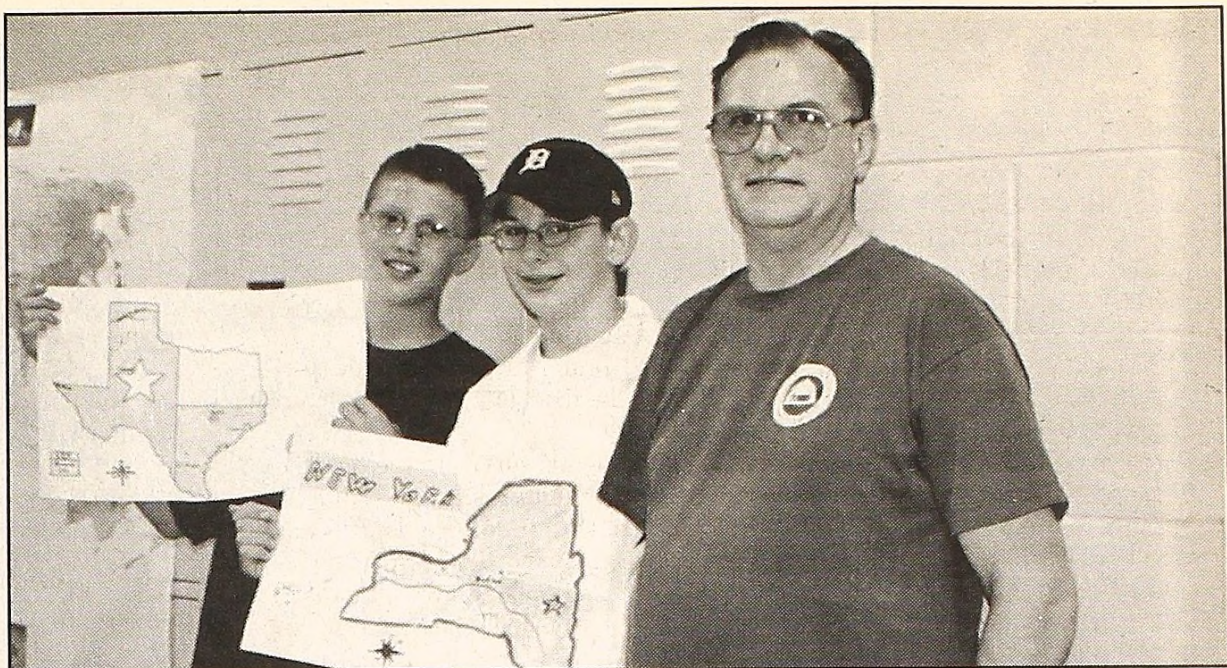
"We worked really hard to create a program kids would enjoy," Klee said. "The program focuses on science. We had quite a few activities involved - (the projects on display are the student's final projects.)"

Several of the students' work focused on topics very much at the forefront of the scientific

community today including space travel, endangered species, ecology and conservation.

The four-week program is multi-faceted and students have the opportunity to get help with just math and science - both troubling subjects for many students - or get help with a full load of subjects including math, science, language arts and social studies. Students meet Monday through Thursday. Klee said she spends much time during the school year reviewing classroom materials for the summer program. During the school year, she teaches science to sixth and eighth grade students at Pioneer Middle School.

Other teachers taking time out during the summer to teach the program are David Schmittou of Central Middle School, Rebecca Bastianelli and Ted Younglas of



Matthew Majzlik, 13, and Aaron McClellan, also 13, displayed maps they drew as part of their final project as part of the Discovery Middle School Summer Program. McClellan's father, Ron, was also on hand.

Discovery Middle School, Shannon Marx and Melanie Formosa of East Middle School, Jason Kaye and Jason Slaughter of Pioneer Middle School and Audrey Mammano, a substitute teacher with the Plymouth-Canton district.

Aaron McClellan, 13, who attended the summer program

with his friend, 13-year-old Matthew Majzlik, said the program would help him when he begins eighth grade this fall.

"I learned a lot," he said. "We were assigned projects that turned out to be a lot of fun." For his final project, McClellan drew a map showing where several animals like the whooping crane

and the prairie dog are endangered.

Ron McClellan thinks his son's success in the summer is in part because he wanted to be there.

"He asked to go," he said. "I think he got a lot out of this; it's better than sitting around in front of the TV or playing sports. I'm glad he did this."

Land sold by state may require some decontamination

Scott Spielman
Editor

The sprawling, 425 acres of land in Northville Township recently sold by the State of Michigan may one day be many things.

The site, which fronts Seven Mile Road, may one day be a research and development park or an upscale residential community. It may be a school or other municipal building like a fire station or post office.

It also may be - or at least a portion of it - contaminated.

That's why officials in Northville Township are going through the steps to have the site declared as a Brownfield Redevelopment District (BRD), according to Township Manager Chip Snider.

The board of trustees authorized township attorney Jim Tamm to put that process into motion last week. They approved a resolution about the proposed site and the formation of the plan.

"This is the first step," said Tamm of the resolution.

The Brownfield Redevelopment Act is

essentially a tool that developers can use to clean up sites that may have some low-grade contaminants in the ground. It essentially sets up a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) plan that gives the developer tax breaks in exchange for the clean up work necessary to make the land suitable for development.

The site is described in a Brownfield Redevelopment Plan and administered by a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, a group of five to nine representatives, according to Tamm. He said the board could appoint an existing board - such as the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), a Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA) or a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board to assume the duties of a Brownfield Development Authority board. Of the three, the EDC is the only one that already exists in Northville Township.

"You may also choose to appoint a different board of five to nine members," Tamm told the board of trustees last week.

Among the first steps in the development of the plan is to host a public hearing. Township officials also must decide on

the duration of the plan and detail a description of the land and the boundaries of the Brownfield site, he said. It can be any potentially contaminated land or land that is adjacent or affected by it, he said.

"One you designate a site as a Brownfield area you can't add to it, but you can subtract from it," he said.

The vote to set up a Brownfield site for the land, which was purchased recently by developer Grand Sakwa, was unanimous. Marv Gans, who also chairs the EDC, said the plans are effective in getting long-neglected properties back on the tax rolls.

"It doesn't give a stigma to the community, because it's site specific," he said.

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OBITUARIES

LEVESQUE, Enoel

Enoel Levesque, 67, of Belleville, died Aug. 2 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Among his survivors are his children, Judy Levesque of Wayne, Lynn (Steve) Veres and Guy (Paula) Levesque, both of Belleville; brothers, Valdor Levesque of New Brunswick, Canada and Hermel Levesque of Bristol, CT; sisters Laura page and Odette Levesque, both of New Brunswick, Canada; 14 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. tomorrow at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville where Mr. Levesque was a member.

Interment will be at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

TAYLOR, Marjorie

Marjorie E. Taylor, 79, of Belleville, died July 24, at home.

Among her survivors are her children, Joseph E. (Henrietta) Taylor of Romulus, Peggy Ann Dowling of Belleville, Jerry E. (Carmen) Taylor of Ypsilanti and Ronald T. Taylor, of Belleville; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Taylor retired from the General Motors Assembly Plant after 25 years of employment.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Robert J. White officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

SEXTON, Theresa

Theresa M. Sexton, 68, of Hilldsale, died July 28 at home.

Among her survivors are her husband of more than 40 years, Edward (Bud) Sexton; a son, Mark, of Hillsdale; brothers, Chet Wojie of Belleville and Lawrence Wojciechowski of Romulus, and a sister, Leona Evanski of Romulus.

Funeral services were at the Kurtz Funeral Home in Hillsdale with Father Tom Butler officiating.

Interment will be at Michigan Memorial Cemetery in Flat Rock.

JAMES, Dennis

Dennis M. James, 55, of Romulus, died July 28 in Ann Arbor.

Among his survivors are his sister, Sherra James-Lowry of Romulus; a half-brother, David James of Georgia, and a half sister, Adrienne James-Frandt of Redford.

Mr. James was retired from the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and the Detroit Police Department. He was a member of the Police Officers Association of

Michigan.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. William Dren of Community United Methodist Church in Romulus, officiating.

ADKINS, William

William "Wild Bill" Adkins, 84, of Belleville died July 31 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Among his survivors are his wife of 42 years, Virginia Adkins; his children, Faye Morgan, Fern (Bill) Roberts, Penny (Chuck) Hancock, Susan Hisey, Eugene (Bernice) Adkins and Patsy Ruth (Sam) Blair; step-children, Ronald (Toni) Sanderson, Sharon Burton and Mattie Brown; brothers, Chester (Eldie) Adkins and Grady (Charlotte) Adkins; 17 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Adkins rode in the Belleville Strawberry Festival Parade every year.

A memorial service was scheduled at the Pawlus Roberts Brothers Funeral Home in Belleville.

ZAVADOVICS, Geraldine

Geraldine B. Zavadovics, 55, of Trenton, formerly of Wyandotte, died July 31.

Among her survivors are her children, Timothy and Richard Sheets; brothers, Anthony (Crystal), Thomas and Rick; sisters, Marlene (Glenn) Thomas and Joyce Swann; four grandchildren; two nieces, and six nephews.

Funeral services were at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Flat Rock.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

DRAPER, Ruffus

Ruffus W. "Duke" Draper, 55, died Aug. 3 at Hospice of Jackson/Oaklawn.

Mr. Draper retired after 30 years of employment at Kerr Manufacturing and was instrumental in bringing UAW Local 174 to the plant where he served as the first plant chairman.

He was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy of Jackson.

Among his survivors are his wife of 22 years, Linda; children, Chuck (Cheryl) Draper, Christopher (Christy) Draper, Tammi Fields; Terri Gipson and Shelly (Eric) Griffin; 11 grandchildren; his mother, Dorothy Draper; a sister, Susan (Mike) Jacobs, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at Sherwood Funeral Home with the Rev. David Bolton officiating.

Interment was in Draper Cemetery.

HILLMER, Lawrence

Lawrence E. Hillmer, 74, of Belleville and St. Petersburg, FL, died July 31 at home.

Among his survivors are his wife of 51 years, Margaret (Butler) Hillmer; children, Richard Hillmer of Belleville, Laura (Dean) Balke of Waldorf, MD, Katherine Hillmer of Canton Township and Steven Hillmer of St. Louis, MI; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Hillmer was a member of the National Guard and St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Boston.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor D. Lee Cullen, Jr. officiating.

CONNOLLY, Richard J.

Richard J. Connolly, 59, a 45-year resident of Belleville, died Aug. 1. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Among his survivors are his wife of 23 years, Connie J. (Taylor) Connelly; eight children; two brothers; a sister; 11 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Mr. Connolly was a member of the Van Buren Eagles Aerie 3996. He owned and operated Connolly Tree Service and enjoyed building race cars.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

CLUTE, Frank

Frank Martin Clute, 79, of Flat Rock, died Aug. 1.

Among his survivors are his children, Bonnie Newbert of Flat Rock, John Clute of Westland and Nancy Baugher of Brownstown; sisters, Ada Piechowiak of Kentwood and Betty McMillian of Sparta; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Clute served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was a home builder prior to his retirement.

Funeral services were at the David C.

Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Pastor Mark Raitz officiating.

LAMKIN, Norman Lewis

Norman Lewis Lamkin, 71, of Detroit, died June 29.

Among his survivors are his wife, Margaret, daughters, Shahidah and Sandra; a son, Edwin, and several grandchildren.

Mr. Lamkin worked for the Inkster Post Office, the Inkster Fire Department and the Detroit Sanitation Department.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with Evangelist Sarah E. Lowe officiating.

Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery in Wayne.

ORICK, Robert Disney

Robert Disney Orick, 79, of Westland, died July 24.

Among his survivors are his daughters, Deborah (Glen) Ramsey, Karen (Chris) Parsons, Brenda (Michael) Dice and Linda (Russell) Sigler and grandchildren, Natasha, Matthew, Christopher, Danyel, Nicole, Chris, Shila, Courtney and Charlotte.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with Brother Dan Goddard officiating.

EARL, Marjorie

Marjorie F. Earl, 89, of Wayne, died July 27.

Among her survivors are her son, Stephen; a brother, Leo Sloan, and grandchildren, Stephanie and Sean.

Funeral services were at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2003-19
July 23, 2003

Special Meeting of the City Council held Wednesday, July 23, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Rd. Members Present: Haidous, Dobrowolski (7:04), McEachern, Kelly, Dickerson (7:21), Shackelford, Hartford. Adjourned to Closed Session at 7:02 p.m. to receive a legal opinion from the City Attorney and discuss labor negotiations.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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Kimberly Turner, CMC
City Clerk
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Westland Idol

Talent competition highlights annual community foundation 'Christmas' party

Theresa Wherrett
Staff Writer

The Westland Community Foundation Christmas in July celebration last week had all the trappings of a good party: good food, good entertainment, a lively crowd and beautiful decorations.

"This is so wonderful," said guest Dorothy Smiley. "We're having such a good time."

The July 24 event at the Hellenic Cultural Center was the ninth annual Christmas in July celebration for the foundation. Proceeds were donated to the Salvation Army and used for student scholarships.

Glenn Shaw, president and founder of the Westland Community Foundation, said that the foundation has received \$33,776 in donations so far this year.

"I'm so excited that we have gotten more support this year," said Shaw. "There is more need this year. Times are tougher."

During the celebration, Shaw presented a check to the Salvation Army for \$15,000, which will be used to help approximately 200 children attend day camp. Guests at the party also brought canned goods that the Salvation Army will use to stock the food pantry.

Sharon Scott, a member of the foundation board of directors, presented scholarships to 13 students. Scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$1,000. All scholarship recipients are Westland residents and 12 plan to attend community colleges or vocational schools. The 13th scholarship recipient, Maggie Widrig, was award-



David Lucido, 30, was a 'wild card' selection of the Westland Idol judges who came back to win the talent competition.

ed a surprise special scholarship. She will attend Eastern Michigan University.

"It's really nice for them to do this," said Kyle Krist, a recent John Glenn High School graduate and \$1,000 scholarship recipient. Krist will attend IPT Tech, an electronics and computer school in Canton Township.

"I'm ready to get going," he said.

In addition to the scholarships, the

Women of Westland (WOW) awarded a scholarship to Tonya Westhoff, who will be entering a master's program. The group also declared Irene Seguin as its "Woman of the Year".

Although the party/fundraiser took place on a warm midsummer evening, many of the 275 guests donned their festive attire and enjoyed a night filled with Christmas trees and toy trains.

Guests were treated to near-continuous musical entertainment, starting with a six-piece brass band from the Dearborn Heights Salvation Army. The band played cheery Christmas tunes for guests as they entered the Hellenic Center. Once inside, guests enjoyed the music of Dale Williams, a Frank Sinatra sound-alike.

The highlight of the evening may have been the karaoke contest. Eight finalists and two wildcard picks from four prior competitions belted out their songs and enjoyed the spotlight. Contestants were judged by Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, Detroit Red Wing Hall of Famer Bill Gadsby, and WSDS Radio personality Andy "Barron" Spisak.

"It was hard to choose," said Gadsby. "They were all good."

First prize was awarded to Dave Lucido, who lost in the preliminary contest but was invited to sing as a wild card choice of the judges. He wowed the crowd with his rendition of Otis Redding's *Try a Little Tenderness*. Lucido, who turns 30 this week, won \$300 and a \$500 certificate for recording time at Jackson Sound Studio.

"I'm not sure what I'm going to record," said Lucido, a mortgage banker. "I'm very excited."

Kim Corney won second place in the karaoke contest. Kevin Zeoli placed third.

"The singers are great. The scholarships get put to good use," said Shaw.

"This is very exciting"

"It just keeps getting better every year," said Scott.



Kim Corney, left, the second-place winner in the Westland Idol competition is all smiles as emcee for the evening Mark Wolnowski and third-place winner Kevin Zeoli pose for the cameras following the competition.

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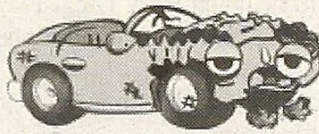
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Plymouth Rotary Park may be updated

Scott Spielman
Editor

Rotary Park in the City of Plymouth may be the next neighborhood park to get an overhaul if city officials have their way.

City Manager Paul Sincok gave a presentation to city commissioners last week about proposed improvements to the park, which he said he hoped the group would help make happen.

"We're looking at all of our neighborhood parks, and at all of our partnerships with citizen groups," he said.

He said the park would get new signage, a new handicapped accessible play structure that meets current safety standards, along with a new sprinkler system for irrigation, some paved walkways and outdoor basketball courts.

"We're looking at some other features in the park, too," he said.

In July of 2000, officials in the City of Plymouth finalized a plan to update all of their neighborhood parks and bring consistent themes through them. Since then they've put in new

playscapes at three city parks.

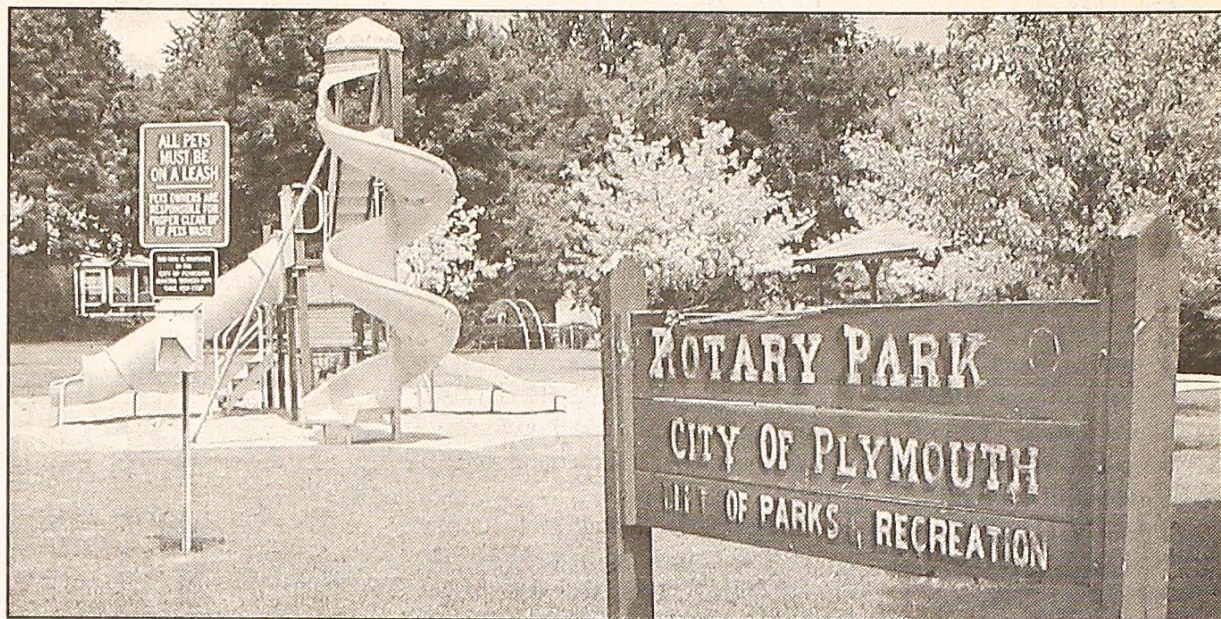
They've also asked citizens groups to step up and help out — many of the parks in the city are named after the groups that helped maintain them and provide equipment there, or were named after them.

Last year, the city upgraded the former Optimist Park off Elm Street, but renamed it the Elm Street Playground.

Rotary Park is located at Wing and Herald streets, he said. The improvements proposed there would cost about \$85,000. Sincok said he hoped the Plymouth Rotary Club would help cover some of the costs. The bottom line could also be lowered through community help when it comes time to install the equipment.

"That would help reduce some of the costs," he said, although the structures themselves have to be put together by certified installers. "There's a lot of things that can be done."

Providing funds for playground equipment is certainly nothing new to the Rotary Club. The first community barbecue they put on to generate money



City officials in Plymouth are hoping the Rotary Club will help fund upgrades and repairs at Rotary Park.

for playground equipment evolved into the Plymouth Fall Festival, which returns for the 48th year this September. The park that benefited from that event is now called Jaycee Park.

Sincok said there was no clear timetable for the improvements, but hoped they could be completed this year.

"It's a proposal at this point," he said. "Let's see where it goes."

Wayne lists available city property

Scott Spielman
Editor

Looking for available property in the City of Wayne?

Well, the first step to take may not be a visit to a residential or commercial real estate agent, but to the Wayne Community Development Department.

The department released the annual collection of potentially open land, an Available Property Information report, according to Peter McInerney, community development director for the city.

The report gives potential investors a broad overview of the city as well as specific information on the types of land sites available for purchase, to build on or to lease, McInerney said.

"It basically makes it easy for people to spend money in Wayne," he said.

It's a program that the city has

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used for several years, he said.

After providing information about the city and the makeup of the citizens along with information about city department heads, the report gives a list of available property and contact names and phone numbers for each of them, McInerney said.

That list shows that there is still plenty of potential for development within the city, he said. It

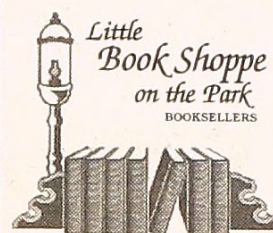
also doesn't show all of the vacant or useable land, only the pieces that are on the current market.

The largest site is a nearly 40-acre parcel along Van Born Road west of Treadwell, he said. That site is zoned for industrial uses, and resurfaces on the market like a bobbin in a choppy lake.

"It's an industrial park that has been marketed through a number of different names," McInerney said. "It's currently known as the Wayne Assembly Industrial Park." It offers sites from 25,000 square feet, he said.

McInerney said the report is on file at the community development department, and it is also mailed out to people on the list as well as realtors and developers. It's still on paper now, but he hopes to someday upgrade the system so that all the information is available through the touch of a computer keyboard.

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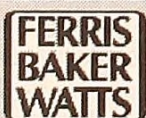
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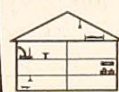
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OPINION

Good job, coach

The recent East-West High School All Star football game provided the perfect swan song for Floyd Carter, former head coach of the Wayne Memorial High School football team.

Carter, who is already in the Michigan Football Coaches Hall of Fame, was selected to coach the East team in the game, which took place on July 26. Carter's team won, 12-6.

Carter described the experience using the same word that many coaches would use to describe his own career – amazing. He is a 1961 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, who has coached football for more than 35 years, including 28 years as a head coach and 18 years in two stints at Wayne Memorial.

He coached the Zebras from 1972-1984 before taking on a 10-year stint at Dearborn Heights Crestwood. The Chargers amassed a 70-30 win loss ratio during his time there and made an appearance in the playoffs in 1991. His 28-year head coaching career may have voluntarily come to an end, but it was filled with accolades from his students, the schools where he worked and the community in which he lived.

He's not done yet. He may have stepped down as head coach at Wayne, but the desire to lead is still in his blood, will still be evident in his new role as an assistant coach at Livonia Churchill.

We know he'll be as well-liked and respected there as he was here. He'll continue to work with young people, continue to lead and teach, and continue to hear the oft-repeated phrase: 'Good game, Coach.'

We congratulate him and his players on a great game.

Serious law needs serious research

Plymouth City Commissioners avoided an immediate point of contention Monday night when they approved the transfer of a liquor license from Kim Guenther, former owner of the Lower Town Grill, to new owner, Nick Hermann, but the issue will almost certainly rise again.

The commission held off on the issue because Guenther, who owned both the bar and the building that housed it, was behind in his real and personal property tax payments to Wayne County and the City of Plymouth. They were able to approve the transfer because Guenther settled up with the county and Monday afternoon turned in a cashier's check to the city for the outstanding personal property taxes. So everyone was happy.

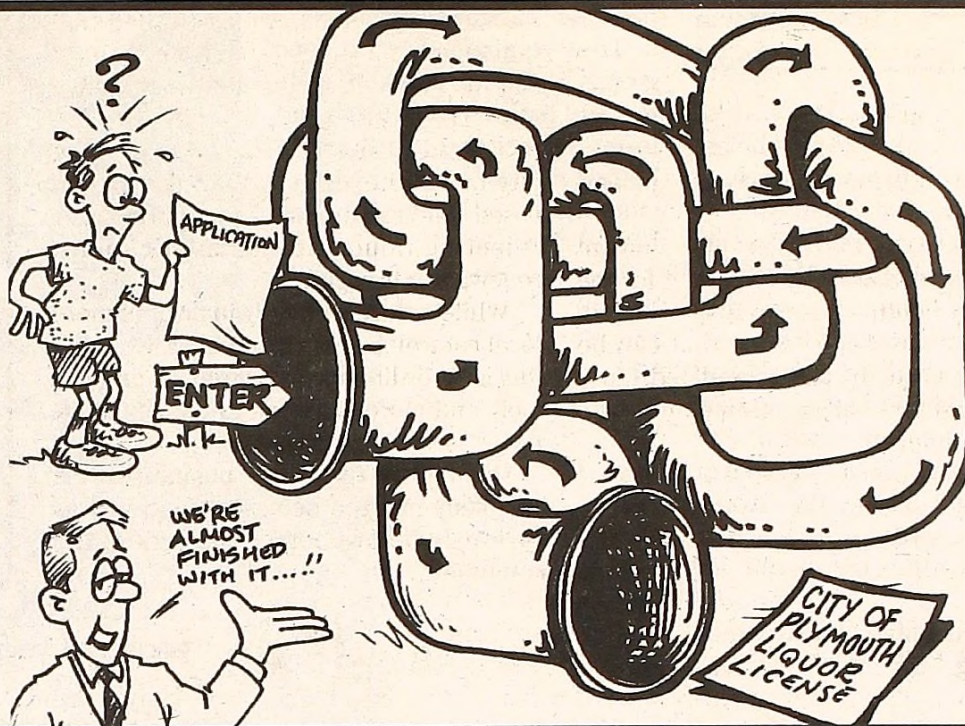
For now.

The issue illustrated here is not an uncommon one – someone operating a business in a building owned by someone else – and it shows some of the fallacies of the only recently-approved ordinance. Had Guenther not paid his taxes, Hermann would, in effect, be penalized for the actions of another.

City officials have defended the ordinance, saying it gives them greater control over licensees who owe the city money for taxes, water bills and other fees. It's the main goal they had in mind when they drafted it and worked with bar owners to fine tune it. Bar and restaurant owners have been a little skittish about the additional oversight since the talks began, but we believe that the heart of the commission was in the right place.

Even so, it's still a little surprising – and alarming – that an issue like this would so quickly crop up. This issue apparently didn't raise any red flags with the city attorney, who as of Monday night hadn't researched the particulars behind the potential conflict.

See **Liquor**, page 9



Trash talk from Canada

For a second I stared at the television set, unblinking, not believing what I saw.

It was the image of a smiling, well-dressed man, discussing the merits of locating a business within his community.

That in itself is nothing to remark about – there are plenty of smiling, well-dressed men around that would like to have more businesses pick up their stakes and move into their communities.

Except this one was Ernie Eves, the premier of Ontario, Canada.

Everything is better on the other side of the river, he said. There are beautiful tree-lined streets. Happy dispositions abound. The sun is brighter, the air is cleaner, the dollar goes further. The communities are clean, the taxes lower, the incentives higher.

He talked about the higher quality of life that can be found in Ontario, where pristine streams flow lovingly along stony creek beds.

Then it dawned on me – it took a few moments because it was late at night – that he was trying to lure Michigan businesses into his country.

Wow, I thought. That takes some degree of intestinal fortitude. He wasn't just trying to lure businesses, he was doing it with a relatively straight face.

It's easy for Ontario officials to talk about how clean their environment is, how their streets are spotless. After all, they're sending their garbage into our landfills, notably Carleton Farms in Sumpter Township.

They're too busy protecting their environment to care about ours, and now they're trying to hamstring the economy and suck more jobs out of the state.

Pick a cliché, here. It's like kicking sand in someone's face when they're down. Pouring salt in the wound. Adding insult to injury. The list goes on.

It could be that this public relations campaign has been in the works for some time now, and it's just the timing of it that's bad.

If that's the case, well, the timing is more than just bad. It's awful. Canadian officials should think about re-airing it at a time when we aren't holding our collective noses because of the smell of additional garbage, or repairing our already overburdened roadways.

Who knows, though. Maybe this commercial spot was put together with the same blithe disregard for our business environment as our physical one.

Either way, it's just another form of Canadian garbage that we shouldn't have to worry about.

Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Look in the mirror before judging others

A Viennese music critic died without leaving enough money for his burial. His friends approached a well-known composer and asked him to contribute.

"What's my share?" he asked.

"Thirty kronen," they replied.

The composer thought for a second and said, "Here's 60 kronen. Bury two critics."

I don't recall where that wonderful story came from, but I'll bet it's a contribution we'd all like to make.

Let's talk about criticism, judging others and yourself.

As we all know, there are good and bad judgments. Unfortunately, it seems, we'd become a society of more negative than positive. Quick to judge others, when we are taking other people's inventory, most of the time we forget to do the most important thing—sign our name to it.

I'm reminded of another story. A story from biblical times.

An angry crowd was gathered in a circle around a very frightened woman. She was accused of being a harlot, accused and judged by the angry mob that stood, rocks in hand, ready to stone the poor woman.

That's when Jesus arrived on the scene and said loudly, "Let ye without sin cast the first stone."

A little old lady slowly bent over and picked up a huge rock. Straining, she lifted it above her head and tossed it.

"Mother," Jesus reportedly said, "sometimes you really make me angry."

Ba-da-bomp.

Yes, it's a joke, one almost as old as me, and I tell it because it's a marvelous way to deal with critical, judgmental people when the target is you. Laugh at them, because one thing for sure is, they are being critical of you to avoid looking at themselves.

Why does being judged and/or criticized sometimes bother you so much, you wonder?

Because we all want to be liked, accepted and no one, absolutely no one on God's green earth wants to be told they are less than. Think about that for a second. Less than translates into worth less. No one wants to feel "worthless."

Criticism and judgmental temperaments of others can easily trigger a deep seeded, most difficult emotion to label. It's shame. As a kid ever hear, "Shame on you"?

Shame destroys self-esteem and most of the time is a ponderous emotion to carry. Shame is so sneaky it pushes us to feeling inept and powerfully bad in a matter of seconds. Shame is quite difficult to identify, especially when your healthy ego is under attack by those negative pictures.

James Bradshaw defines shame very simply. "You make a mistake, feel badly and apologize. That's human," Bradshaw explains. "Shame says

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by Jerry Stanecki

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Liquor - Research is needed

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Nor is this the only issue on which the ordinance will be challenged, either in front of or behind the scenes. A local attorney has already questioned the constitutionality of it, specifically a section that outright forbids topless entertainment permits.

Granted, this is a form of entertainment that nobody would believe is right for the City of Plymouth – this newspaper included – but it's not something that can be banned outright. It can be regulated, but it is still constitutionally protected under the First Amendment.

When liquor license transfers or renewals come up, the commission can now look at issues such as how often the police are called to a specific location, too.

Again, the heart is in the right place – nobody wants a 'trouble spot' within their municipality – but we're concerned that this might cause business owners not to call the police in a situation when police should be involved.

The ordinance is designed to give the city more alternatives than the broad-based state requirements for approving or rejecting liquor license applications, renewals or transfers.

While we are generally in favor of more local control for elected officials, we think this is an ordinance that deserves another look, and more direction to the city attorney.

Ordinances that affect businesses this seriously need to be researched just as seriously before being imposed on the community.

Mirror - Criticism is personal? You bet

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you are a mistake."

How many times have you confused shame with guilt, or with simply being human? How do you feel when you are in that state of mind? Pretty sad, isn't it? Not to mention emotionally exhausting and joy depleting.

So, what do we do when we're feeling badly and we pinpoint it as shame? If we've done something that is shameful, we acknowledge it then apologize. And, remember an apology is only as good as the behavior supporting the apology.

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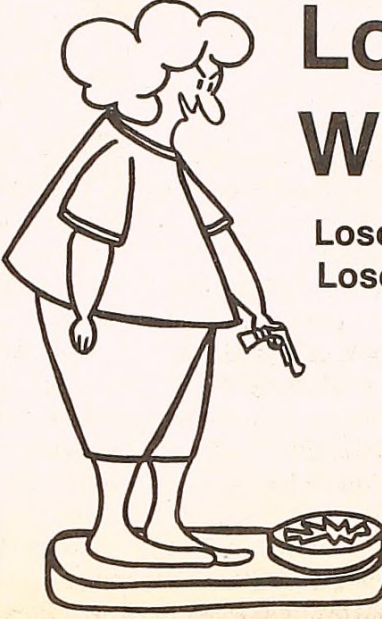
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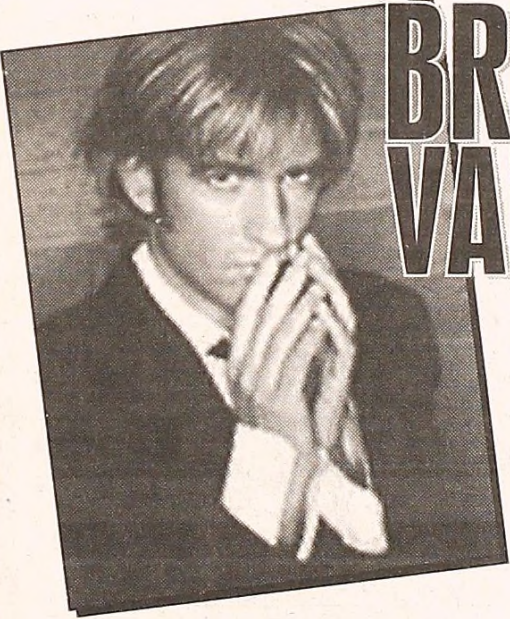
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SPORTS

Way to gol Coach ends career with State All-Star game win

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Retired Wayne Memorial High School football coach Floyd Carter added another take to his personal highlight reel last week.

Carter led the East High School All-Star team to a victory over the West at the 23rd Michigan High School Football All-Star Game at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing July 26. The win was a perfect ending to a 28-year head-coaching career.

"It is hard to describe...the whole experience was totally amazing," Carter said. "It was the highlight of my career and we were fortunate to come away with a victory. It was absolutely super."

The East won the game 12-6 but no points were put on the board in the first half.

"It was a defensive struggle," said Carter. "Rick Corona, the defense coach, did an outstanding job at stopping the run and the secondary did a great job."

Dan Farkas from Canton was

a big part of the defense, he said.

"We moved him (Farkas) all around the defensive line," said Carter. "He's a quick and tough player. He had a heck of a game."

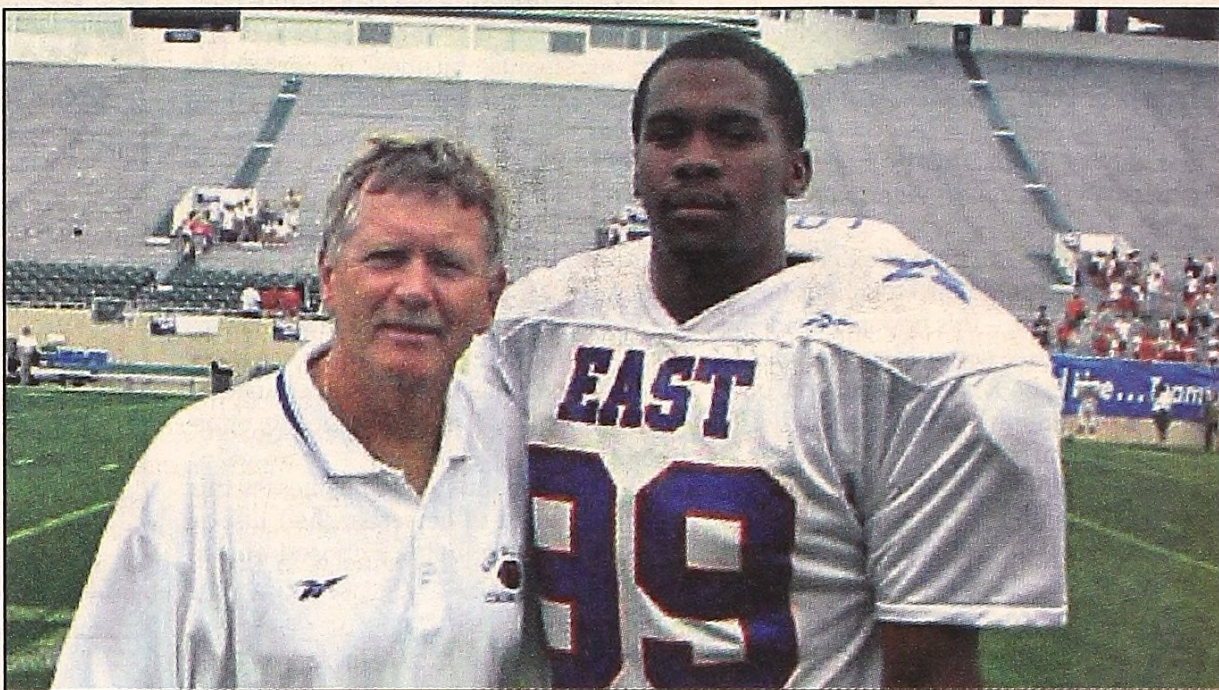
It wasn't until late in the third quarter when Carter and his team put the first points on the board.

The 0-0 drought ended when the East marched 66 yards down the field on 12 plays. To end the drive, the highly-recruited David Chudzinski of Belleville, booted a 32-yard field goal with 3:44 remaining to give the East a 3-0 lead.

With 2:42 remaining in the third quarter the East scored a touchdown after they recovered a fumble on the West 23-yard line. The score came when tight end Josh Powell caught a 4-yard pass from Wynn Michalak. The two-point conversion failed, which made it a 9-0 game for the East.

In the fourth quarter, the East extended their lead to 12-0 with a 39-yard field goal by Chudzinski.

"I think one of the things that helped us win was our kicking



Floyd Carter and Henry Love, above, a defensive end from Wayne Memorial High School, at the East-West All-Star Game, July 26. Carter and his East team members won the game. All-Star - East team members, bottom row, from left, included number 42, Murray Percival next to Carter, number 6, Lance Johnson and number 20, Marcus Woods. In the top row, from left, are number 16, Nick Gildersleeve, number 7 Wynn Michalak, number 99, Henry Love and number 33 Tony Mikulec.

game," said Carter. "It's more important than people think. Our punting game was outstanding."

Tony Mikulec averaged 48 yards per punt with the longest bouncing to 67 yards. The long punts kept the West deep in their end of the field for most of the game.

However, with only 2:33 left in the game, the West were able to move 83 yards down field on

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Floyd Carter, his son, Mark Carter, and players wait to take the field just before kick-off at Spartan Stadium last week.

Carter - Wayne coach wins

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eight plays to put their first and only points on the board. Tight end Garrett Bushong caught a 16-yard pass from Mark Catlin to cut the East's lead in half. The extra point missed, which resulted in a final score of 12-6.

The East won the game despite the absence of two of the top team players, said Carter.

Inside linebacker Jim Presley of Milford, who received a full scholarship to the University of Michigan, missed the game due to a knee injury.

The East was also without their projected starting quarterback DaJuan Warren. Warren missed the game due to a program he had to finish at the University of Illinois,

where he received a full scholarship.

"If he didn't finish the program he wouldn't have gotten his scholarship," said Carter.

It was the third consecutive victory for the East.

"It was close and there was a lot of pressure to win for the third straight year, but we came away with it," he said. "The players were great. Not only are they great athletes, they're great young men."

Another highlight of the All-Star game for Carter was coaching side by side with his son, Mark, a wide receiver coach.

"It was treat to work with my son. I don't think he fully understands yet the magnitude of the game, but he will," said Carter. "It was very exciting. A great way to close out a career as a head coach."

Whalers sign 2 priority draft picks for new season

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers strengthened their champion-caliber team with the signing of their first two draft picks of the 2003 Ontario Hockey League (OHL) Priority Draft, last week.

Whalers General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci said the Whalers came to an agreement with first round pick Michael Lombardi and second round pick Dan Collins. Both players will be available to play for the Whalers this season, which begins Sept. 19.

"We are excited to have both of these players signed and ready to come to camp," Vellucci said. "I know both players are looking forward to be playing in Plymouth and we are looking forward to them developing into NHL prospects."

"We were pretty confident we would have Lombardi here for camp, but Collins was a pleasant surprise. He had originally planned to go to college, but once he visited the Whalers facilities and met with the coaching staff he felt playing for the Whalers was his best chance to play pro-hockey while receiving a top-rated education."

The signing of the two picks should add depth and power to

the offensive lineup.

The Whalers selected the 6-foot, 2-inch, 180-pound left-winger, Lombardi, in the first round (18th overall). Last season he played for the Minor Midget Vaughn Kings where he played 28 games and had 17 goals and 32 assists for 49 points and added 139 penalty minutes.

Collins was the team's first pick in the second round (32nd

"We were pretty confident we would have Lombardi here for camp, but Collins was a pleasant surprise."

overall) and could add size to the right-wing position at 6-foot, 1-inch and 180 pounds. Last year he played for the Syracuse Jr. A Crunch and had 14 goals and 12 assists and added 58 penalty minutes in 35 games.

The Whalers added more even more size up front when the team drafted 6-foot, 4-inch, 196-pound left-wing/center Vaclav Meidl with the ninth overall pick in the Canadian Hockey League (CHL) Import Draft, last month. The 17-year-old Czech Republic native will join the Whalers this season and be eligible for the

NHL draft in 2004, according to Vellucci.

He said they also traded Czech Republic native Martin Cizek, a defenseman, to the Guelph Storm for the Storm's fifth round draft pick in the 2003 OHL Priority Draft.

"We have a strong core of defenseman returning next year and had a chance to add size and skill up front with Vaclav," Vellucci said. "By moving Martin to Guelph he will now have a chance to get some more ice time and in return we were able to add a player who is a projected first round NHL draft pick next year."

Meidl played for the HC Havirov Panthers last season. He scored 12 goals and had 23 assists in the 46 games he played.

With the return of a talented core of players and the signing of their top draft picks, the Whalers should be in contention for the championship again this year.

The Whalers open the season on the road against the defending OHL champions the Kitchener Rangers on Friday, Sept. 19. The Rangers knocked the Whalers out of the Western Conference Championships in game seven last season.

The Whalers' first home game will be Saturday, Sept. 20 against the Oshawa Generals.

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Car seat safety lessons offered by Wayne police

Scott Spielman
Editor

The majority of parents motoring around the western Wayne County community don't even know their children are at risk.

But statistics say that as many as 95 percent of children strapped into a variety of child safety seats are in a potentially dangerous environment, according to Ofc. Ryan Strong of the Wayne Police Department.

It's not because the seats themselves are defective, he said, but because the wide majority of parents have them installed incorrectly.

"I've never seen someone come in with a seat installed properly," he said.

And he should know. He's one of two members of the department of public safety who are certified to inspect child safety seats and tell parents how to install them correctly as well as inform them of the right way to strap children into the seats. The other is firefighter Cindy Boring.

Both recently took a week-long certification course and can now inspect child safety seats, according to Strong. It's a service that will be provided free to city residents.

He said that 95 percent of the seats are installed improperly, and it only takes a 15-minute appointment for parents to ensure

the safety of their children. The program was funded by the Wayne Rotary Club, which provided some extra booster seats that the department can give to needy drivers free of charge.

He said there are several common errors parents make when they install the seats.

First of all, seats for newborns should be facing the rear of the car, not the front. That's because in the event of a crash, the seat is designed to absorb the forward motion.

"Infants' bodies aren't strong enough," he said. "Their necks can't support it."

Another common error occurs when parents flip up the handle on seats that are designed to be carried and leave it up after it's placed in the car.

"It's not designed for that," Strong said. "I've been at accident scenes where those handles have shattered and pushed plastic into the children's faces."

Strong said that both he and Boring are available to give free safety seat inspections. Both have other duties, though, so it's a good idea to call ahead and schedule an appointment. The children must be present in order for him and Boring to determine if they're properly restrained.

The appointment will only take about 15 minutes. For information call Strong at (734) 721-1598 or the fire department at (734) 722-1111.

'Friends' may save Northville \$400,000 on park improvement

Scott Spielman
Editor

If all goes according to a plan presented Thursday night to the Northville Township Board of Trustees, improvements proposed to the Millennium Park will go on nearly as planned.

And, the township will save about \$400,000.

Township Trustee Marv Gans, who also heads up the Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation, said he was confident that the township could make most of the improvements proposed for the site for about \$230,000, far less than the \$566,435

would require only \$130,000 in township funds. That could mean more money would be available for the Community Park Project, another proposal trustees discussed last Thursday.

Gans said he went ahead and received additional bids because he wanted to get the project under way.

"We've been delayed by faulty planning and corrections to the plan," he said. "I think we need a way to get it done."

He was also concerned because if the fields are not finished this year, the township would lose an entire year on the development of the park. Soccer fields need at least that long to sit before they are used,

he said.

Some trustees were a little skeptical of the plan because it would rely on heavy involvement from Gans. They agreed that the plan could save a lot of staff time and it represents only 35 percent of the cost of the low bid price.

Township Manager Chip Snider suggested that Gans should be the liaison between the construction management firm and the township, and provide his oversight to the project.

"The key to leadership is maximizing human energy and talent," Snider said. "(Gans) has a firm grip on recreation issues. He does have a passion for it, and I'm going to put it to use."

Supervisor Mark Abbo said he had some concerns about the plan, but was willing to try to get it accomplished.

"It will be a little more difficult this way, and there is a little more risk involved, but when you're saving \$400,000, you've got a little more room to make mistakes, at least economically," Abbo said.

"We've been delayed by faulty planning and corrections to the plan."

estimated by the low bidder on the project. He said that by eliminating the two largest ticket items – a proposed drainage and irrigation system for the nearby baseball fields and paving an expanded parking lot – as well as going to other sources for smaller bid items, the township could realize a significant cost-savings.

As proposed, the plan includes a full-sized soccer field, a smaller, 50-foot by 70-foot practice field, a bike path that connects to the nearby subdivisions, a playscape and an expanded, but gravel, parking lot.

The cost of many of the items in the bid, he said, were padded to include contingencies. Through the Friends group, he said he was able to secure lower prices on virtually every part of the project, including a contract for a construction management firm.

The township had already approved a \$365,000 budget for the project. But the plan Gans presented, combined with a \$85,000 contribution from the Friends,

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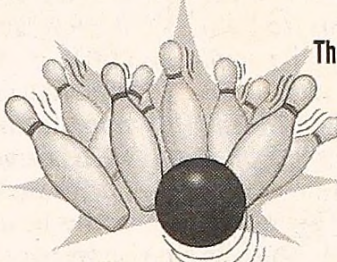
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Transgender tale is brilliant read

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

When writer and professor Jennifer Finney Boylan looks in the mirror, she sees a woman who has never known what it was like to be a girl.

That's because Boylan, 45, spent the first 40 years of her life in the body of a husband and father of two sons named James Finney Boylan. Her book, *She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders* (Broadway Books, \$27.95), is a brilliant study of being born in the wrong body – and the powerful emotional and physical transformation that inevitably followed.

Boylan, a successful novelist and chair of the English department at the exclusive Colby College in Waterville, MA, outlines her experiences during her passage from male to female with startling clarity. The novel begins after Boylan's transformation is complete. Driving down a dusty road, she notices two female hitchhikers. It's only after the women get into her car that Boylan realizes the woman named Ashley was once in her poetry class at Colby.

"I sat in the car with Ashley," she writes. "I suddenly had this unbearable urge to turn around and say, 'Ashley, it's me, Professor Boylan, remember? I'm, like, a woman now?' I had this sense that, for the first time, there wasn't some kind of invisible wall between us, that for the first time I could actually be known by her, but that wasn't true. There were all sorts of walls between us, even now."

The book explains in detail how Boylan dealt with the stress of being, as she writes, “trapped in the wrong body.” Growing up, she never shared any of her feelings with her parents or her sister, and participated in traditional “boy activities,” hoping that the feelings she had would just go away on their own.

But her feelings became more intense during her teenage years. Soon, she found herself dressing in her mother's clothing for comfort, but the comfort would only

last so long. Complicating matters was the fact that Boylan was starting to notice women.

"Then, as throughout my life, I found myself attracted exclusively to women. I never even thought about men romantically; it never even crossed my mind. Still my relationships with women were decidedly odd. 'What's it like to have breasts?' I'd ask. 'How does it feel?' It was a question women found baffling."

By the time Jim Boylan made the decision to have a sex change operation at the age of 40, he was the father of two young children and had been a husband for four years. His wife, Grace, had no idea what was troubling him as he made the decision to have the life-changing surgery.

The book goes into great detail about how the operation ultimately ended the marriage (though the pair has not divorced). It also explains how the two parents have worked to create a united partnership. It is apparent that the author very much loves her wife, even though Grace Boylan treats her husband as she would a sister.

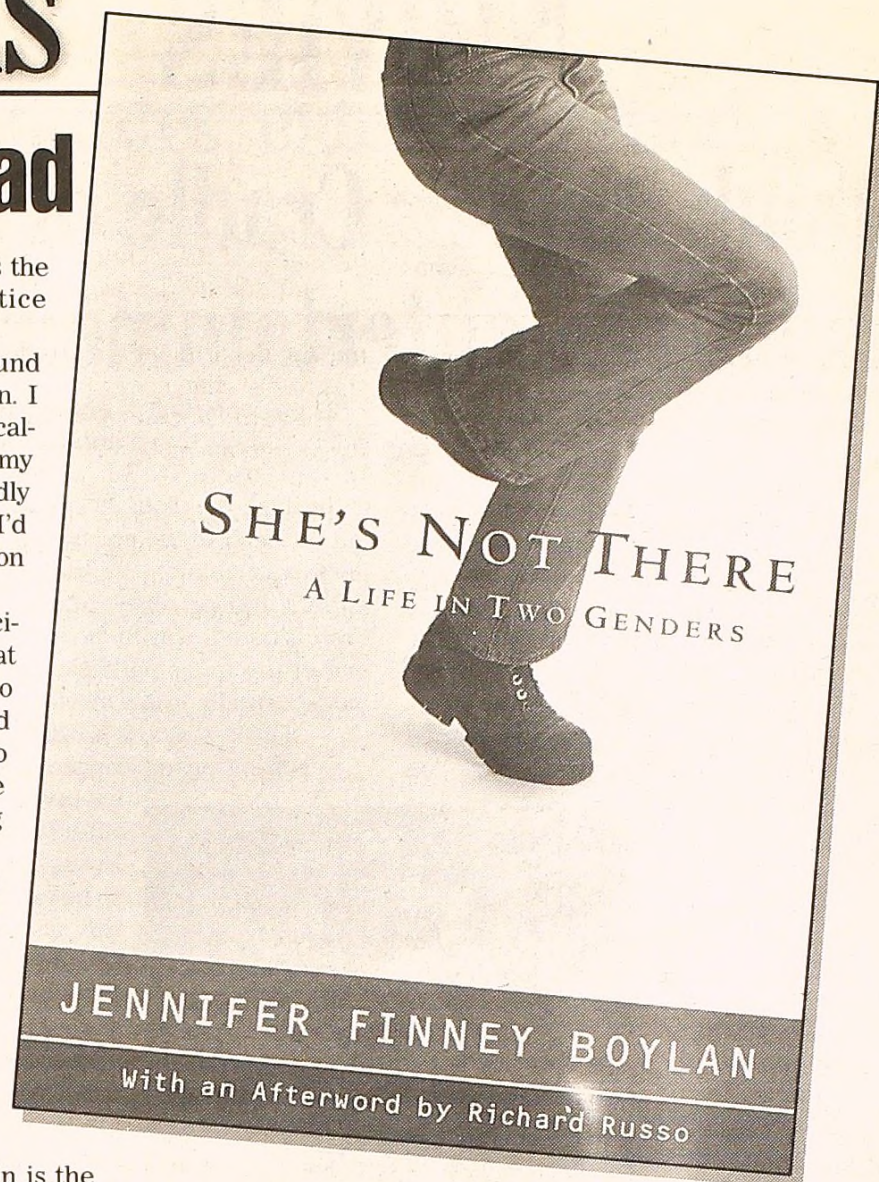
But what the book does not explain is the reaction of Boylan's family to the change. Precious little attention is given to a sister who did not support her brother's quest to become a woman. Extended family members did not even merit a mention for the most part; but the support of students and colleagues at Colgate are given much attention.

Does this mean the book glosses over the struggle to be true to oneself in the face of adversity? No – it is by far the most detailed explanation of the daily pressures and

adjustments transgendered individuals on bookshelves today. Boylan leaves no stone unturned – including how being a woman makes shopping for jeans more difficult, or how women are treated differently in society. Not to mention the delicate balancing act of maintaining cherished relationships.

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MOVIES

Tomb Raider: Cradle of life is barren entertainment

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

There's only one word to describe Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life...dreadful, long and unimaginative. OK, that's three, but you only have to choose one. No matter which you choose you can't lose, unlike the film.

If you had equal parts Indiana Jones, James Bond and *La Femme Nikita* poured into an action-genre martini glass you would have a well-rounded, tough-as-nails heroine, Lara Croft (Angelina Jolie)...shaken not stirred. Garnish with a handgun and let the party start.

Unfortunately, this recipe doesn't explode. It only fizzles.

As much as I might hate to say this, Jolie is probably the only reason to see this movie. For teenage boys, well, boys of all ages, the reasons are evident - bikini, skin-tight wetsuit and bikini.

However, for girls of all ages, it will be a nice change to see a smart, tough and well-acted female action hero for once.

Although Jolie carries the film (see all reasons above), a film cannot rely on one single component. The plot, for instance, is the dreadful. Basically, if you have seen Tomb Raider than you have already seen Cradle.

The premise is the same: Croft finds object, loses object to bad guys and spends the next two hours trying to get it back. The plot includes a whirlwind of places and sites from Greece to Kazakhstan to China to Africa. Every back flip, hand sprint and bullet shot seemed to take place in another country, much like the original.

The story starts in Greece where Croft shows up to look for treasure hidden in an ancient temple built by Alexander the Great. The temple, however, is at the bottom of the ocean, due to a volcanic eruption centuries ago.

There, she finds a mysterious glowing globe, a globe that others are looking for. In the underwater temple she is ambushed, the globe is stolen and she is left for dead in the collapsing, soon to be underwater tomb. But thanks to a sharp knife, a hungry shark and a right hook, Croft is on her way to the surface. This is one of the more pathetic scenes in the movie, actually, in any movie.

The next stop is Kazakhstan. There, Croft springs an ex-agent and assumed ex-lover, Terry Sheridan (Gerard Butler), from prison so he can lead her to the Shay-Ling in China. The Shay-Ling are the bad guys that stole the globe from Croft. Croft learned that the Shay-Ling were hired by Dr. Jonathan Reiss (Ciaran Hinds), a maniacal Nobel Prize-winning scientist, who is bent on world domination.

Croft also learned that the globe is actually a map that will lead the holder to Pandora's Box, a mythical box that, once opened, would unleash an evil never seen before. Well, not since the lost Arc of the



Angelina Jolie as Lara Croft

Covenant in *Indiana Jones and The Raiders of The Lost Ark*, anyway.

With the retrieved globe in hand, Croft finds the location of Pandora's Box, and sets off to Africa, as does Reiss and his army.

To say any more would ruin the predictable ending, that includes some unexplained and otherworldly monsters, and there would be no reason for you to stuff your \$10 into the pocket of Paramount Pictures.

On a scale of one to 10, Cradle rates as dreadful.

The plot plods along too much like its predecessor Tomb Raider; there are too many unbelievable scenes (even for a movie based on a video game), too long a running time, and there is only Jolie to carry the film.

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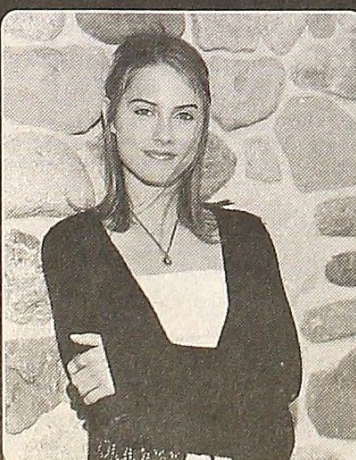
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Heather Conner
Staff Writer

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The Van Buren Township Recreation Department, in cooperation with the township police department, will present the “Takin’ it to the Streets” program tomorrow from noon to 3 p.m. at Tyler Elementary School. The event is free and open to children from ages 5 to

17. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

“The purpose of Takin’ it to the Streets is to bring recreation and safety to youth in low-income areas,” said Maghan Mutch, special events coordinator for Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation.

Participants can enjoy an inflatable moonwalk, obstacle course and a slide, as well as outdoor games and sports. Ice cream will also be provided, Mutch said. Children must complete a registration form at the event with their parent or guardian’s signature. Free t-shirts will be given to the first

100 children who come and complete a registration form, Mutch said.

The program offers a safe environment for youth to participate in recreation activities without leaving their neighborhood. It will provide recreation opportunities to children who might not otherwise be able to participate in programs normally offered by the recreation department, Mutch said.

Building self-confidence, self-esteem and developing friendships are just a few of the benefits children will receive, Mutch said. Other goals of the program are to stimulate pride and par-

ticipation in community life, as well as steer children away from self-destructive and anti-social behavior.

“Public Safety is involved in the program because recreation helps steer kids away from destructive activities and keeps them off the streets,” Mutch said.

The program began a few years ago as a weekend activity called “Camp with a Cop,” Mutch said. It was reduced to a one-day event last summer, and with a generous Community Development Block Grant this year, the event will feature much more. Mutch said the

township received a \$7,000 block grant, and \$3,000 of the grant will be used for the event. The rest will fund scholarships provided by Project Youth, where scholarships are given to children of residents who cannot afford to pay for recreational activities offered through the township, she said.

Tyler Elementary School is located on the north side of Tyler Road, between Belleville and Haggerty Roads, in Van Buren Township.

For more information contact the township parks and recreation department at (734) 699-8921.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JULY 14, 2003 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer
Eva W. Webb, Acting Deputy Clerk

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-284

2A Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 7, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. No Action Taken.

03-285

3B. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the Romulus Police Department and grant Michigan Host Inc., Detroit Metro Ventures LLC., and Wayne County Airport Authority (d/b/a/ Fox Sports Bar) as Co-Licensee a new full year Class C Liquor License issued under MCL 43 6.15 3 1 (10) located in the McNamara Terminal, Romulus, Michigan, Wayne County. Ref #223335.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-286

3C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to concur with the Romulus Police Department and grant to Michigan Host Inc., Detroit Metro Ventures LLC., and Wayne County Airport Authority (d/b/a/ Jose Cuervo Tequileria) a new full year Class C Liquor License issued under MCL 436.153 1 (10) located in the McNamara Terminal, Romulus, Michigan, Wayne County. Ref#223336.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-287

4A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to adopt a Memorial Resolution for the family of Iva Doris Mitten; beloved grandmother of Deputy Treasurer, Kathy Lindroth.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-288

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to concur with the recommendation of the Mayor and Award Bid 02/03-66, Demolition List 03-01, to Van Assche Construction for a total bid price of \$16,870.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-289

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-02.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund-Recreation				
Expenditures:				
101-5110-751.73-05	Operating Supplies	18,000	700	18,700
General Fund				
Revenues:				
101-5110-512.69-61	Other Rev/USTA MPC Grant	0	700	700

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Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-290

5C. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to authorize payment of Invoice #20016103 in the amount of \$1,529.00, National League of Cities annual membership dues, 2003/2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-291

5D. Motion by Miller, supported by Crova to authorize the payment of Invoice #060103 in the amount of \$3,130.00, SEMCOG annual membership dues, 2003/2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-292

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to grant authorization to pay Warrant 03-13 in the grand total amount of One Million, One Hundred Fifty One Thousand, Fifty Five Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents (\$1,151,055.38).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Abstain - Crova. Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Eva W. Webb, Acting Deputy Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

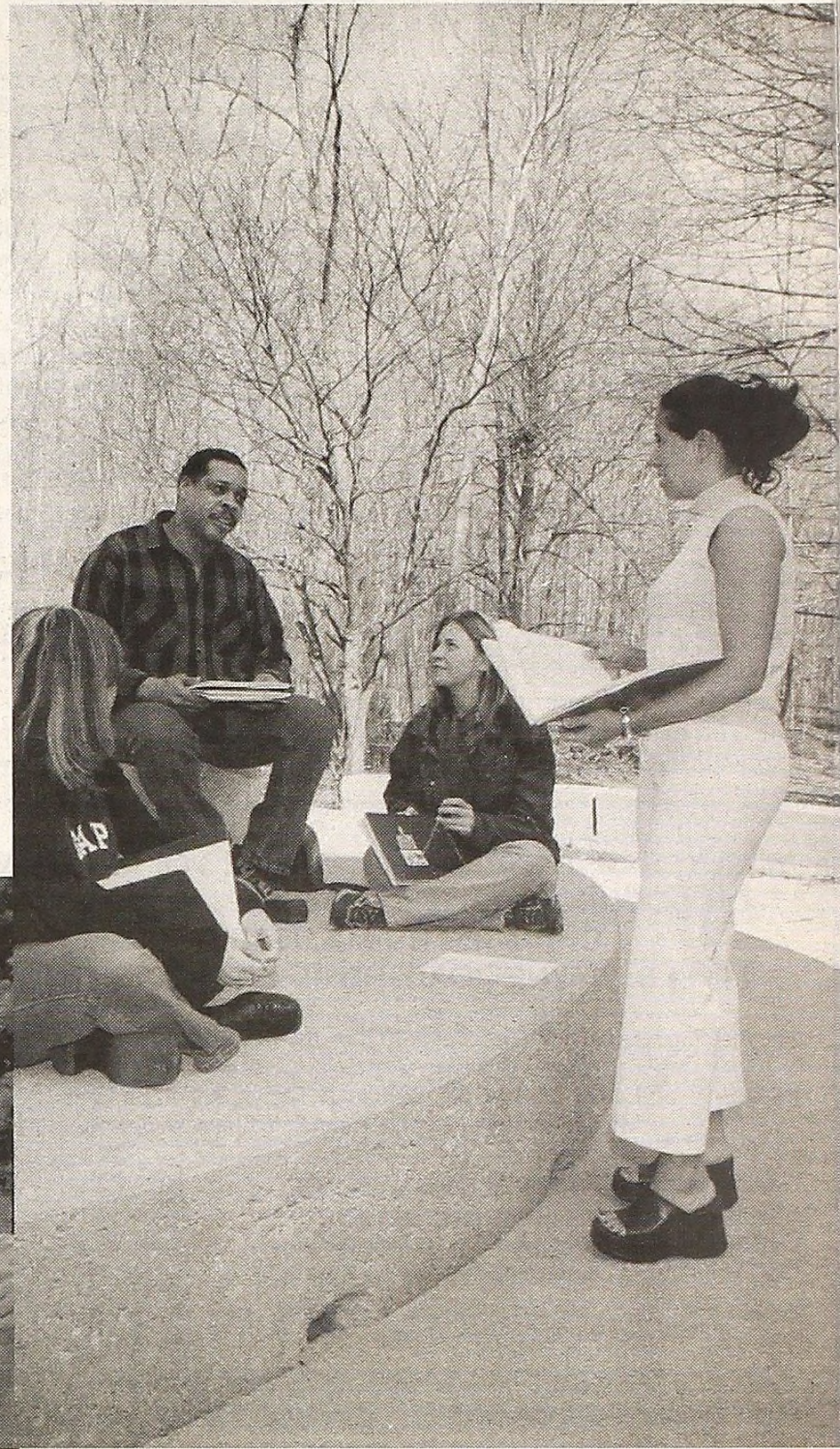
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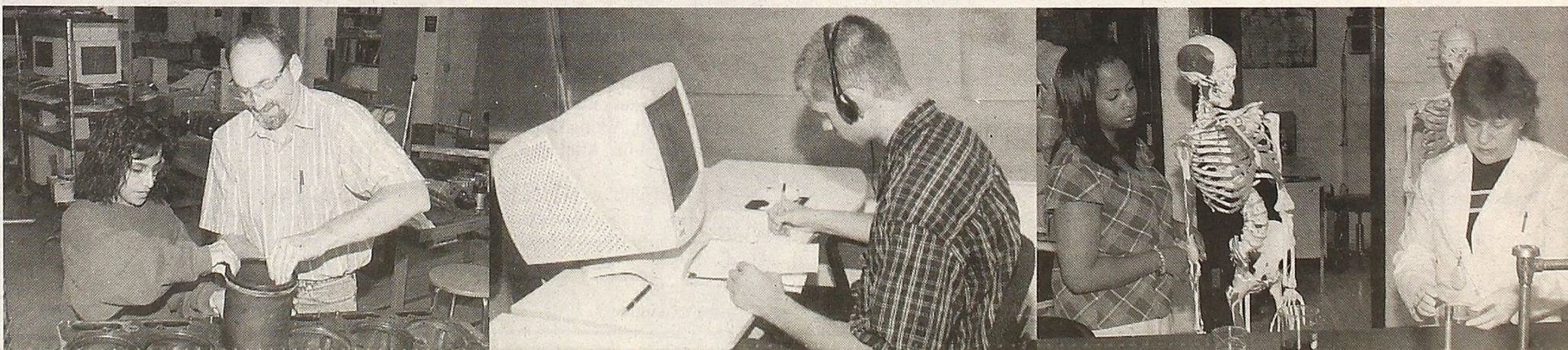
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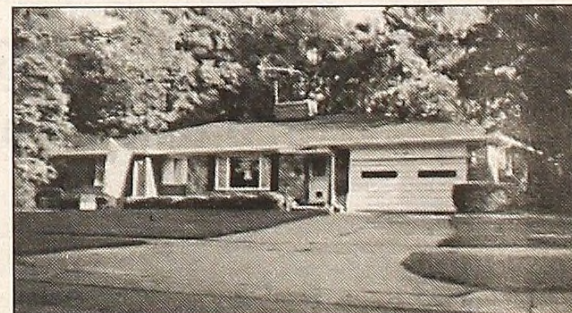


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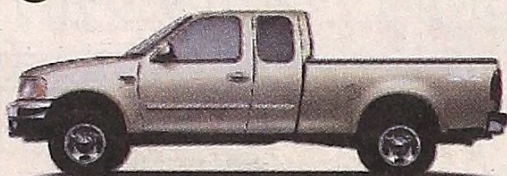
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